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## TOWN OF LOXAHATCHEE GROVES

155 F Road Loxahatchee Groves, FL 33470



### AGENDA MEMO

**TO:** Town Council of Town of Loxahatchee Groves

**FROM:** Francine Ramaglia, Town Manager

**VIA:** Amber Schneider

**DATE:** September 18, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Rural Infrastructure Fund (RIF) Grant Submission

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**Background:** The Town has been designated as a Rural Community by the State of Florida. This designation enables the Town to participate in the Rural Infrastructure Fund (RIF). The RIF plays a crucial role within rural communities by providing financial assistance for infrastructure projects and helps rural areas maximize their access to essential resources.

Construction grants from the RIF can cover up to 75% of total project costs, with the potential for 100% funding for projects located in specific economically constrained rural communities.

In line with these objectives, the Town has completed five submissions (Four Construction and one Planning) for the FY 2024-2025 RIF application cycle on September 16, 2024. These submissions reflect the Town's commitment to leveraging available funding opportunities to improve infrastructure and bolster the local economy. Application summaries follow.

#### **Citrus Drainage (construction)**

The proposed project is to improve drainage and transportation through the Town's primary commercial area, improve connectivity between residential parcels and the growing commercial properties, and reduce reliance on the nearby roadways to promote lower traffic density and shorter trip time. This effort will include full engineering design, permitting, construction, and closeout of roadway and swale improvements, potable water, and sanitary sewer facilities along Citrus Drive, East Citrus Drive, Tangerine Drive, Valencia Drive, and Orange Avenue to alleviate recurring issues with drainage and roadway safety as well as enhance access to potential commercial parcels south of Collecting Canal Road.

#### **Collecting Canal Stabilization (construction)**

The proposed project is to repair and stabilize canal banks along the Town's primary drainage collection canal which conveys runoff from flood hazard areas to the primary outfall structure at D Road for discharge to the South Florida Water Management District-operated C-51 Canal. Recent storm events and gradual increases in usage over time have weakened canal banks and resulted in washouts and slope failures,

creating a serious threat to public safety and hampering local traffic. The current phase of the project will cover about one-half mile of canal along both sides of the bank and is one of six phases intended for implementation on Collecting Canal.

**Paving plan for A to Okeechobee, Collecting Canal from A to B, N North Road and S North Road (construction)**

Town of Loxahatchee Groves CIP Paving project looks to address paving of 4 road segments in Town: Segment 1, which stretches from A Road at Collecting Canal Road to Okeechobee Blvd, Segment 2, along Collecting Canal Road from B Road to A Road, Segment 3 N North Road and Segment 4 S North Road. This project involves upgrading these roads to a 20-foot width with a durable 2.5-inch layer of SP-12.5, TL-C asphalt. It also includes the installation of features such as Seminole Style Speed Tables, thermoplastic striping, and aprons. In addition, we aim to address the drainage concerns, and the project will include essential stormwater management improvements.

**Pump House, Control Gates and Telemetry (Construction)**

The proposed project is to provide necessary repairs and updates to the Town's primarily inflow pump station and outflow control structure at D Rd, and repairs to secondary outfall structures located at A Rd and Folsom Rd all along Southern Boulevard. In addition to structural and material repairs, the control system, sensors, and electrical components are in need of replacement. These structures provide all surface water for use by commercial and agricultural users for irrigation, and flood protection for those properties during and following rainfall events and are a key component to the economic operations which occur in the Town.

**Public Works Facility (Planning)**

The Town of Loxahatchee Groves seeks funding to construct a new Town facility that will incorporate Town Hall and Public Works in one building. The proposed 7,500-square-foot facility will feature 5,500 square feet for vehicle storage and maintenance, 2,000 square feet for office. This modernization aims to improve service delivery, enhance safety, and increase resilience to natural disasters, while demonstrating leadership in sustainable infrastructure development and providing sustainable elements including solar panels and covered parking.